

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	15 September 1999
Name of applicant/court:	Secretary for Internal Affairs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Candy Girls February 1999
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Dowager Inc.
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Magazine
Country of Origin:	USA
Language:	English

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature:	Running time:
Trailers:	Running time:
	Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The publication *Candy Girls February 1999* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The magazine tends to promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes. The photo stories all depict girls who are purported to be eighteen-year olds but are presented as young persons by a combination of a number of elements. Females are chosen whose facial characteristics, physiques and immature or youthful breast development and hairstyles indicate that they could be young persons. Some have virtually no breast development and certainly appear to be young persons. Most of the photographs show young females dressed and presented as being in their mid teens.

The text strongly reinforces the young and eager emphasis in the photographs. Text representing the females' fantasies is expressed in the language of a young person. Some advertisements refer to schoolgirls and to very young girls and make no pretence that the girls are over the legal age. Even where there is reference to the females being 'barely legal,' or having just turned eighteen, the vulnerability, youthfulness and inexperience of the young females presented remains the dominant feature even though the females are said to be older than the age that would legally define them as young persons. One article legitimises the notion that is acceptable for older males to seek out places where young, vulnerable and inexperienced young females might be found, with a view to preying upon them sexually. The overall effect is of fresh young, vulnerable, sexually inexperienced girls or virgins being offered for the sexual titillation and arousal of the reader, who is invited to picture himself in the role of initiator of a young girl's first or early sexual experience.

The magazine has been found to tend to promote and support an activity listed under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1994 (FVPC Act) and is therefore deemed to be objectionable. The provisions of s3(2) override s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 because they cannot be given a meaning consistent with the rights and freedoms contained within the FVPC Act.

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